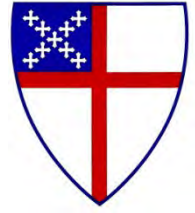




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Theme: Communities of Reconciliation

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June 23, 2025

Dear People of God,

The 50th Convention of the Diocese of Alaska is scheduled for October 2nd – October 4th and will be hosted by St. Matthew's Episcopal church in Fairbanks, AK. The theme for Convention this year is: Communities of Reconciliation - "...God has committed to us the word of reconciliation." 2 Cor. 5:19b

St. Paul made clear to the Church in Corinth that God's purpose in Christ Jesus was reconciliation: the restoration of harmony, unity, relationships through the fullness of love made perfect in Jesus' life, death, resurrection and ascension. Reconciliation is healing. And God committed this word-the ministry, of reconciliation to us by sending the Holy Spirit to fill us and lead us in the way of God's reconciling love in Christ.

So, in Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are committed to reconciliation. And as the body of Christ-the Church, we are called to be Communities of Reconciliation—our Convention Theme.

This Convention we continue to explore our calling to be Communities of Reconciliation as we move forward with the whole Episcopal Church in the work of truth and healing from the legacy of Boarding Schools. Over the past year, the Standing Committee appointed a sub-committee to formulate a plan for the Diocese of Alaska to address this work. That plan is the development of a "Truth Telling Commission," that will create and guide our process. At Convention, we will learn more about the Truth Telling Commission and its formation.

We are also delighted and blessed to have as our Keynote speaker, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Carol Gallagher, one of only 3 Native American Bishops in the Episcopal Church. Bishop Gallagher is looking forward to her return to Alaska. We will also have a video presentation by The Rev. Canon Dr. Brad Hauff, the former Missioner for Native American and Indigenous Ministries for the Episcopal Church. Canon Hauff is now working with Bexley-Seabury Seminary to assist its plans to strengthen theological education for Indigenous Ministries.

Let us come together as the Episcopal family of God, the body of Christ, in Alaska to celebrate, worship, listen, how God has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

REGISTRATION

Registration is required. Enclosed is a **Convention Registration, Clergy Conference Registration, and Instructions to Committees.** Only clergy (priest/deacons) complete Clergy Conference form.

You may also register online (preferred) beginning June 23, 2025, at www.episcopalak.org/convention-conference/.
Send or fax completed registration to our office before the August 2, 2025 deadline.

Delegate housing can NOT be guaranteed for ANY registration received after August 29, 2025.

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DIOCESAN CONVENTION

Completed registration forms for each of your delegates are due by August 2nd and will not be accepted after September 17, 2025. Housing cannot be guaranteed for any registration received after August 29, 2025, and lodging may become the individual's responsibility. Please submit your registration as soon as possible so that travel arrangements can be made early. Your timely or early registration saves on the cost of transportation. The convention registration fee is \$650 per delegate registered and paid on or before 8/18/2025. The late convention registration fee is \$725 for registrations postmarked or submitted after 8/18/2025.

Please: registering as soon as possible reduces the costs of holding the Convention and greatly reduces the workload for your diocesan staff. I would consider it a personal favor and a blessing if you were to register now. Thank you, Mark.

Reminder: Each congregation is entitled to at least (2) delegates: the Rector/Vicar or Clergy-in-Charge and one other delegate (clergy or lay) for each 100 members or fraction thereof. If a congregation has no Rector/Vicar or Clergy-in-Charge, or if their clergy leader is unable to attend, the congregation is entitled to send a second delegate, clergy or lay, in place of the clergy leader (*For example: a congregation without clergy leadership may send 2 lay delegates*). Furthermore, a congregation is entitled to an additional delegate for each one hundred communicants in good standing, or fraction thereof, beyond the first 100 as listed in the congregation's parochial report (*For example: a congregation with 106 members in good standing reported on their Parochial Report would be entitled to send 3 Delegates: a clergy delegate (or substitute lay or ordained if there is no clergy leader assigned), a delegate for the first 100 members in good standing, and a third delegate (lay or ordained) for the fraction (in this example, 6) of the next 100 members in Good Standing as reported on the congregation's Parochial Report*).

The visitor, including youth, charge is \$75.00, which covers food and materials only: travel and housing arrangements are the responsibility of the individuals. Visitors and youth are not included in the delegate-provided housing and must make their own reservations and/or arrangements.

Please note a registration form for every person attending Convention is required.

THE DEADLINE FOR PREFILED RESOLUTIONS IS August 2, 2025. At the time of this mailing, we had received no pre-file resolutions.

CLERGY CONFERENCE

Clergy Conference fee is \$75 per person. If you are a registered delegate to Diocesan Convention, your housing will extend to include the extra night(s) and your travel cost to Fairbanks will be paid. If you are not a delegate, you are responsible for your own travel and housing arrangements.

We are looking forward to our time together in Fairbanks, Alaska. Please keep the convention in your prayers as we plan and prepare.

Enclosures (7)

- Convention Registration Form
- Clergy Conference Registration Form
- DRAFT Schedules/Agenda: Convention & Clergy Conference
- Committee Instructions
- Positions open for elections/appointment (4 pages)
- Nominee Profile Form